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## **9 FAM 40.4 REGS/STATUTES AND NOTES**

### **9 FAM 40.11 REGS/STATUTES AND PROCEDURAL NOTES**

### **9 FAM 40.32 REGS/STATUTES AND NOTES**

### **9 FAM 40.34 REGS/STATUTES, NOTES AND PROCEDURAL NOTES**

### **9 FAM 40.92 REGS/STATUTES AND NOTES**

### **9 FAM 40.103 REGS/STATUTES, NOTES AND EXHIBIT I**

### **9 FAM 40.301 REGS/STATUTES, NOTES AND PROCEDURAL NOTES**

## **MAJOR CHANGES**

1. Technical and editorial changes to the 9 FAM sections listed above were necessitated by changes to the Immigration and Nationality Act, and in certain cases for greater overall clarity.
2. Changes in format for the Regulations and related Statutory Provisions (which were published as “white pages”) will now be shown as a reference to the related regulatory and statutory cite as sections are updated.
3. Revisions since the last update appear in italics. The italics will be removed the next time the section is updated. Only current changes will appear in italics. Italics provide the historical record of changes.

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